

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 20 are pending in this application. Claims 12 and 16 are amended in several particulars for purposes of clarity in accordance with current Office policy, to assist the examiner and to expedite compact prosecution of this application. The Applicant appreciates the indication of allowance of claims 1 through 11, and claims 13 through 20.

Interview Summary

On 25 February 2003 a personal interview was conducted to discuss the present patent application no. 09/280,541 with the participants being the Applicant's representative attorney S. S. Sahota (47,051), Examiner K. M. Nguyen, and Supervisor R. A. Hjerpe. Rejected claims 1-4, 10-16, and 18 and objected to claims 7-9, 19, and 20 were discussed. The prior art discussed were Stoddard et al. (US 3,665,454), Metlitsky et al. (US 5,545,886), Cruiskshank et al. (US 5,109,503), Keiji (US 5,115,227), Kelly (US 5,065,360), Bunte et al. (US 6,034,379).

An agreement was reached where all claims are allowed, except for claim 12. In order to place the entire application in condition for allowance, it was suggested to add a limitation of *outputting the same voltage signal as an initial signal, the outputted voltage signal is switched at a different time according to a result of inputting the display data channel (from claim 1) into claim 12* or to add the limitations of claims 15 and 16 into claim 12. With the suggested amendment to claim 12, it was agreed with respect to the claims at the interview that the application will be placed in condition for allowance.

Claim 12

The Applicant appreciates the indication of allowance of claims 1-11, and 13-20.

The Applicant has amended claim 12 according to both of the suggestions at the Interview of 25 February 2003. Claim 12 has been amended to include the above mentioned limitation of claim 1 into claim 12 as suggested. Also the limitations of the original claim 12 were included with the limitations of claims 15 and 16 in the amended claim 16 as also suggested.

Therefore, claim 12 should now be allowed.

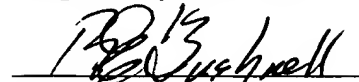
Entry of the foregoing amendments is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b) because the amendments are only complying with the requirements expressly set forth by the Examiner in the previous Office action and the Office Interview.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all claims are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition to be passed to issue. If there are any questions, the examiner is asked to contact the applicant's attorney.

A fee of \$494.00 is incurred by the addition of one (1) independent claim above seven and a two (2 XOT) month extension of time. Applicant's check drawn to the order of Commissioner accompanies this Amendment. Should the check become lost, be deficient in payment, or should other fees be incurred, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4943 of

Applicant's undersigned attorney in the amount of such fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 12 and 16, as follows:

1 12. (Amended) A method, comprising:
2 inputting a display data channel to a monitor by an inputting device;
3 driving said inputting device with a predetermined electric signal by a driving device;
4 indicating whether said display data channel of said monitor is inputted into said computer
5 and outputting a signal according to a result of said inputting by an interfacing section, said
6 interfacing section outputting the same voltage signal as an initial signal, the outputted voltage signal
7 is switched at a different time according to a result of inputting the display data channel;
8 controlling said driving device by generating said predetermined electric signal;
9 analyzing said output signal from said interfacing section; and
10 determining whether said result of said inputting said display data channel is correct.

1 16. (Amended) A method, comprising:
2 inputting a display data channel to a monitor by an inputting device;
3 driving said inputting device with a predetermined electric signal by a driving device;
4 indicating whether said display data channel of said monitor is inputted into said computer
5 and outputting a signal according to a result of said inputting by an interfacing section;
6 controlling said driving device by generating said predetermined electric signal;

7 analyzing said output signal from said interfacing section; and

8 determining whether said result of said inputting said display data channel is correct,

9 with said controlling and determining including a programmable logic controller,

10 [A method as claimed in claim 15,] with said programmable logic controller magnetizes a relay coil
11 of said driving device and turns-on a relay switch of said driving device to input said display data
12 channel to said monitor.